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**DECISION ON PETITION  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.59**

*In re Application of*  
Sumio Kuroda, et al.  
Appl. No.: 10/632,293  
Filed: August 1, 2003  
For: **PREFORMAT METHOD FOR MAGNETIC  
RECORDING MEDIUM, MAGNETIC  
RECORDING MEDIUM, AND MAGNETIC  
RECORDING AND REPRODUCING  
APPARATUS**

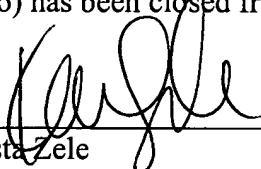
This is a decision on the petition filed August 25, 2006, to expunge information from the above identified application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.59(b).

The petition is **Granted**.

Petitioner requests that the response submitted on August 14, 2006 (date-stamped received on August 18, 2006) be expunged from the record. Petitioner states that the information submitted (a client letter filed with the response) was unintentionally submitted and the failure to obtain its return would cause irreparable harm to the party who submitted the information or to the party in interest on whose behalf the information was submitted, and the information has not otherwise been made public. The petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h) has been paid.

Applicant is required to retain the expunged material(s) for the life of any patent which issues on the above-identified application.

The expunged material (the August 14, 2006 response, date-stamped as received August 18, 2006) has been closed from the electronic file.

  
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